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2 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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5 WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. Docket No. PF21-4-000

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8 WAHPETON EXPANSION PROJECT

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13 Thursday, January 27, 2022

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15 The virtual public scoping session, pursuant to notice,

16 opened at 5:30 p.m. (EST)

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 [5:40 p.m.]

4 OPERATOR: A caller has joined.

5 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you. My name is David

6 Hanobic and I am a project manager with the Federal Energy

7 Regulatory Commission, or FERC. With me on the line I have

8 my coworker, Dawn Ramsey; two consultants, Doug Mooneyhan

9 and Lavinia Disanto who are with our contractor, Cardno; and

10 a court reporter. Our job is to conduct an environmental

11 review of the planned Wahpeton Expansion Project and part of

12 that process is gathering information from the public. We

13 are currently in a pre-filing or pre-application phase of

14 our review, as WBI has not yet filed an application with

15 FERC. We are here to listen to your comment and record that

16 comment in the FERC record for this project.

17 In a moment, I am going to ask you to say and

18 spell your name for the court reporter and then provide your

19 comment. The court reporter will start transcribing your

20 comment for the official record once you say and spell your

21 name, and we will provide a warning once you have about 30

22 seconds left for your comment. If you don't get to provide

23 all of your comments within the time limit, you can file

24 additional written comments using the directions provided in

25 the Notice of Scoping. When you are finished, the court

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1 reporter will stop recording your comment on the record and

2 then your line will be disconnected.

3 Are you ready to begin that process now?

4 MR. DENNIS: Yes, sir.

5 MR. HANOBIC: Okay, so again say and spell your

6 name for the court reporter and then we'll ask you to

7 provide your comment. Go ahead and begin whenever you're

8 ready.

9 MR. DENNIS: Michael J. Dennis, spelled M i c h

10 a e l, middle initial J. Last name: D e n n i s.

11 MR. HANOBIC: Okay, you can begin your comment.

12 MR. DENNIS: I'm the son of Larry J. Dennis. He

13 is one of the landowners in Section 29. It's in between

14 Roth Olson's land to the west and Jeff Christofer's land to

15 the north, and the Miller's land to the East.

16 My dad is elderly and he asked me to call in and

17 provide some information that he had passed along to me.

18 He's concerned about this potential pipeline crossing his

19 land because the pipeline goes where an archaeological dig

20 has occurred of a North American settlement that existed in

21 that area. This North American settlement was dug, an

22 archaeological dig was conducted by a gentleman by the name

23 of Edward Milligan, who previously was past president of the

24 North Dakota State Historical Board, and the State

25 Historical Society. He was also chairman of the

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1 Subcommittee on Indian Rights of the Federal Civil Rights

2 Commission for North Dakota; and was former consultant to

3 the Secretary of the Interior.

4 I believe that Mr. Milligan's papers are filed

5 with the Department of Special Collections at the University

6 of North Dakota. I don't know if that's where the

7 information on the architectural dig resides, but my dad

8 asked me to pass this information along. He's a supporter

9 of North American history, and he feels it's really

10 important that we preserve that heritage by not disturbing

11 the land where those people had their lives.

12 That's really all I needed to pass along. His

13 name, once again, is Edward Archibald Milligan. And as I

14 mentioned, his papers as far as I know are filed with the

15 University of North Dakota, Department of Special

16 Collections.

17 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much, Mr. Dennis.

18 Thank you very much for your comment. We will

19 put that into the project record for this project.

20 MR. DENNIS: Very good. Thank you for your time.

21 [5:48 p.m.]

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23 [Scoping session closed at 7:30 p.m. (EST)]

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1 CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER

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3 This is to certify that the attached proceeding

4 before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the

5 Matter of:

6 Name of Proceeding:

7 WAHPETON EXPANSION PROJECT

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13 Place: Virtual

14 Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022

15 were held as herein appears, and that this is the original

16 transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy

17 Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription

18 of the proceedings.

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21 Dan Hawkins

22 Official Reporter

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